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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - EA/ROC

1. UNEASY MOOD CONTINUES (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE MOOD OF UNEASINESS, TINGED WITH RESENTMENT
AGAINST THE US, WHICH WAS SPARKED BY THE SECRETARY'S
ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH CONTINUES. WHILE THE ISLAND NOW
ANTICIPATES EARLY NORMALIZATION AND IS UNCERTAIN THAT
THE US WILL PRESERVE ADEQUATE POST-NORMALIZATION TIES,
THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF IN-
STABILITY.

THE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO INFLUENCE US VIEWS ON
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NORMALIZATION REFLECTS THE UNEASINESS FELT ON THE EVE
OF THE SECRETARY'S PEKING VISIT. TO SUSTAIN THIS
CAMPAIGN, TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS HAVE NOW PUBLISHED BOOK-
LETS COMPILING RECENT ARTICLES, EDITORIALS AND PETITIONS
SUPPORTING THE STATUS QUO IN US-ROC RELATIONS AND LISTS
OF PROMINENT AMERICANS THEIR READERS SHOULD WRITE.

PRESS ATTENTION TO DEFECTOR FAN HAS BEEN KEPT
ALIVE BY STORIES THAT PLAINS, GEORGIA HAS QUOTE INVITED
UNQUOTE HIM TO THE US AND THAT FAN IS CONSIDERING A
SECOND LETTER TO THE SECRETARY. NEVERTHELESS, LOCAL
PRESS REPORTS THAT SECRETARY VANCE IS UNLIKELY TO RAISE
HIS CASE WITH THE PRC AS THERE IS LITTLE THE US CAN
DO MAY INDICATE THAT OUR EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE
ROC EXPLOITATION OF THIS ISSUE ARE BEARING FRUIT.

2. 2. TYPHOON HITS SOUTHERN TAIWAN

THE LOWER QUARTER OF TAIWAN, FROM ABOUT THE TAINAN
AREA SOUTHWARD, SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FROM TYPHOON
THELMA ON JULY 25. THE MOST SEVERE DESTRUCTION APPEARS
TO HAVE OCCURED IN THE AREA OF KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN'S
SECOND LARGEST CITY, WHERE HARBOR FACILITIES, SEVERAL
INDUSTRIES, AND THE ISLAND'S LARGEST THERMAL POWER
PLANT WERE TEMPORARILY OUT OF COMMISSION. DAMAGE TO
FRUIT CROPS WAS WIDESPREAD AND ABOUT 30 DEATHS WERE
CAUSED BY THE STORM. THE EMBASSY REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT
LOCAL OFFICIALS STATE THEY HAVE THIS SERIOUS SITUATION
IN HAND AND DO NOT PLAN TO REQUEST OUTSIDE MEDICAL
OR OTHER ASSISTANCE. VANCE

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